

QA-453
Pierce-Sudler House
Sudlersville
private

c. 1860's
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1905 remodeled

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Pierce-Sudler House**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Rt. 300, 6th building east of crossroad (north)

CITY, TOWN

Sudlersville

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Queen Anne's**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY

___ DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

___ STRUCTURE

___ SITE

___ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

___ PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

___ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

___ IN PROCESS

___ BEING CONSIDERED

☒ not applicable

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

___ UNOCCUPIED

___ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

___ YES: RESTRICTED

___ YES: UNRESTRICTED

☒ NO

PRESENT USE

___ AGRICULTURE

___ COMMERCIAL

___ EDUCATIONAL

___ ENTERTAINMENT

___ GOVERNMENT

___ INDUSTRIAL

___ MILITARY

___ MUSEUM

___ PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___ RELIGIOUS

___ SCIENTIFIC

___ TRANSPORTATION

___ OTHER.

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mrs. Harry Onley et al

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Sudlersville

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21668**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Queen Anne's County CourthouseLiber #: **Orphans Court**

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Pierce-Sudler House stands on a large lot on the north side of Rt. 300 in Sudlersville. It is the only house within the town to sit in the middle of its lot, the others being close to the street. It is a late Victorian Gothic 'T' plan dwelling with some early 20th century porches, etc.

The 2 1/2 story 'A' roof structure stands on a brick foundation and partial basement. It is covered in plain weatherboard. The south facade is composed of a two bay section plus the projecting gable. On the first story is a double window and the entrance, and on the gable is a bay window. Across the south facade and the east facade is a porch, partly screened. Pediments in the porch roof are located above the wooden steps to the porch. They flank the projecting section of the porch in front of the bay window. On the second story the two bay part is a louvered sleeping porch. The gable has a double window with round beaded sash beneath a decorative cornice. In front of the window is a gallery which is above the bay window and which was exposed prior to the construction of the porch. On the 'A' roof are two dormers with double sash and decorative barge boards. In the

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CONTINUATION SHEET

7.1 DESCRIPTION

gable of the projection is a decorative bracket and no window. A chimney rises along the west gable, having been re-built after 1925.

The east facade is two bays long plus a lower two story wing and a small meat house (or possibly former summer kitchen). The front porch wraps around part of this side and another enclosed porch extends along the front of the service wing, connecting the old meat house to the service wing. All windows have 2/2 sash.

Inside, the house has a stair hall and parlor in the "foot" of the 'T' and a living room and dining room in the "top" of the 'T'. A pantry and kitchen are located in the service wing. In the back corner, behind the stair hall, is a small bathroom addition.

The stair has a bold octagonal turned newel and the same type balusters. It appears to be mahogany and oak. The front door has squarish panels with reeded trim around them in the Eastlake style. The parlor has an Eastlake style mantel also, but the trim is quite heavy and resembles the work at Hilton Grange. The floors of the parlor and hall are oak with handsome border of another wood. There is also a diamond in the center of the parlor floor. Mr. Frank Hardesty designed and installed this floor, which is very similar to the one in the George House. From the configuration around the hearth it is easy to see that the

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.2 DESCRIPTION

chimney was removed and built on the outside gable after the installation of the floor.

In the dining room another patch in the ceiling and floor reveals the ghost of a former chimney. The dining room has a plate rail around the room. A small pass-through door provides access to the pantry, beside the regular door.

The living room is highlighted by the bay window which is separated by an arch from the room itself.

The construction of the Pierce-Sudler house is not immediately dateable. There appears in the 1877 Atlas a house on this site--its plan is rectangular. Possibly it was the parlor and stair hall with another room now gone. In 1905 the house was remodeled and possibly enlarged with the east half of the present house. There may, however, have been an earlier enlargement, but this is not known without more investigation into the structure or its history.

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

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STATE _____

COUNTY _____

STATE _____

COUNTY _____

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Michael O. Bourne, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Queen Anne's County Historical Society

DATE

9/14/83

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Centreville

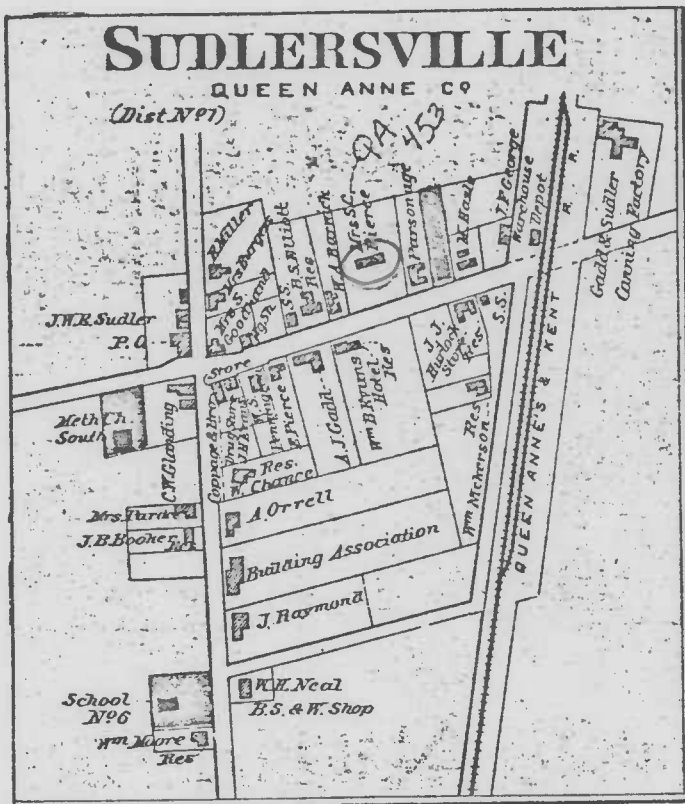
STATE

Maryland

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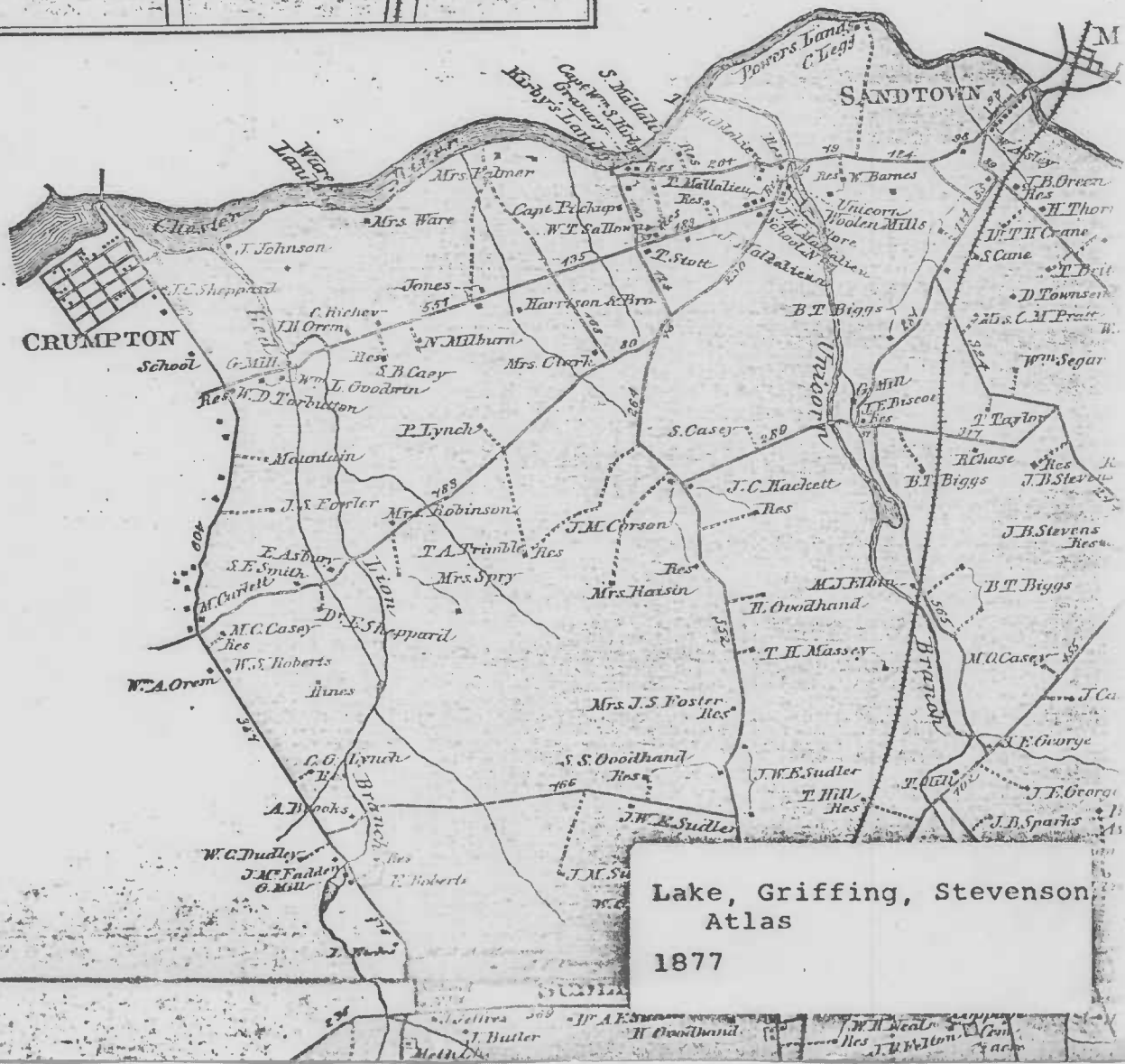
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